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THE REFORMED CHURCH

**IN THE UNITED STATES,
FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD**

1881

QUESTION.—What is thy only comfort in life and death ?

ANSWER.—That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil ; and so preserves me, that, without the will of my Heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head ; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation : and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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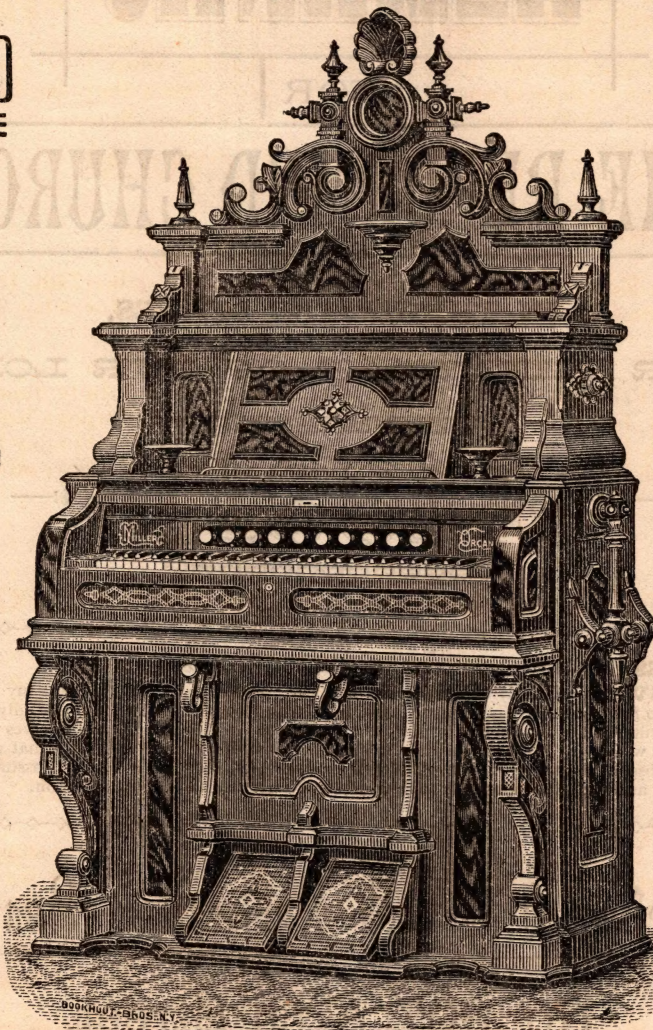
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Being a Common Year of 365 Days.

MOON'S SIGNS.				PLANETS AND ASPECTS.			
 New Moon.	 First Quarter.	 Full Moon.	 Last Quarter.	♄ Saturn. ♃ Jupiter.	♂ Mars. ☉ Sun.	♀ Venus. ☿ Mercury.	☾ Moon. ♁ Herschel.
♌ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude.				☐ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.			
⊕ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart.				△ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.			
♌ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.							

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter,	B.	Solar Cycle,	14
Golden Number or Lunar Cycle,	1	Roman Indiction,	9
Epact,	30	Julian Period,	6594
The Jewish Era, with their 5642d year, commences September 24th, 1881.			
The Mohammedan Era, with their 1299th year, commences November 23d, 1881.			

MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb'y 13.	Palm Sunday, April 10.	Trinity Sunday, June 12.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb'y 27.	Easter Sunday, April 17.	Corpus Christi, June 16.
Shrove Tuesday, March 1.	Ascension or Holy Thurs., May 26.	1st Sunday in Advent, Nov. 27.
Ash Wednesday, March 2.	Whit Sunday, or Pentecost, June 5.	Sundays after Trinity are 23.

THE FOUR EMBER DAYS.

March 9.	June 8.	September 21.	December 21.
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THE FOUR SEASONS OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox,	Sun enters ♈	March 20th,	6 o'clock 20 minutes,	morning.
Summer Solstice,	" " ♊	June 21st,	2 " 15 "	morning.
Autumnal Equinox,	" " ♏	September 22d,	5 " 8 "	afternoon.
Winter Solstice,	" " ♐	December 21st,	11 " 30 "	forenoon.

(♄ .) Saturn is called the Governing Planet this year.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1881.

There will be four Eclipses this year: two of the Sun and two of the Moon.

The first is a partial Eclipse of the Sun, May 27th, 6 o'clock, 48 minutes evening. Here invisible; is most visible at the North Pole; will be partly visible in the North-western States towards sun set.

The second is a total Eclipse of the Moon, June 12th 1 o'clock, 52 minutes morning. Visible as follows:

Eclipse begins 12 o'clock, 9 minutes morning.	Middle of Eclipse, 1 o'clock, 52 minutes morning.
Total Eclipse begins 1 o'clock, 12 minutes morning.	Total Eclipse ends, 2 o'clock, 32 minutes morning.
Eclipse ends, 3 o'clock, 35 minutes morning.	

Duration of total Eclipse, 1 hour, 20 minutes. Duration of the whole Eclipse, 3 hours, 26 minutes.

The third is an annular Eclipse of the Sun, November 21st, 11 o'clock, 40 minutes forenoon. Here invisible; visible towards the South Pole.

The fourth is a partial Eclipse of the Moon, December 5th, 12 o'clock, 10 minutes afternoon; therefore invisible here.

A Transit of Mercury over the Sun's disc, November, 7 o'clock, 56 minutes evening; consequently invisible here. Visible on the Eastern Hemisphere.

JANUARY,

1st Month, 31 Days.

1881.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. Sun fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 New Year	1 Pet. 2: 12-19	6 16	27	Sirius south 11 43	47 23	4 37	2 20
1] Sunday after New Year Luke 2: 33-40; Rom. vi. 12-18. Day's Length, 9 hours 14 min.								
Sunday	2 Martyrs H. Scrip	John 1: 29-34	7 18	11	h south 7 40	47 23	4 37	3 10
Monday	3 Gordius	" 1: 28-51	8 26	28	♂ ♀. ♀ sets 8 16	57 23	4 37	3 51
Tuesday	4 Titus	" 2:	9 42	8	♂ sets 11 46	57 22	4 38	4 36
Wednesday	5 Simeon	" 3:	10 43	21	7* south 8 37	67 22	4 38	5 14
Thursday	6 Epiphany	" 4:	11 44	4	♂ ♀. Orion so. 10 39	67 21	4 39	5 56
Friday	7 Widukind	" 5:	morn.	16	7th. ♂ ♀ h. h sets 12 16	77 21	4 39	6 42
Saturday	8 Severinus	" 6: 1-25	12 46	28	♂ in Aphelion	77 20	4 40	7 22
2] 1st Sunday after Epiphany, Luke 2: 41-52; Rom. 12: 1-5 Day's Length, 9 hours, 22 min.								
Sunday	9 Catherine Zell	John 6: 26-71	1 38	10	Castor south 12 4	87 19	4 41	8 10
Monday	10 Paul of Thebes	" 7:	2 35	21	Spica rises 10 15	87 19	4 41	8 48
Tuesday	11 Fructuosus	" 8: 2-20	3 33	3	♂ sets 11 24	87 18	4 42	9 40
Wednesday	12 Jean Castellian	" 8: 21-50	4 30	15	♂ h ☉	97 17	4 43	10 36
Thursday	13 Hilary	" 9:	5 20	27	♂ in Apogee	97 17	4 43	11 33
Friday	14 Felix	" 10: 1-21	5 53	10	♂ Sirius so. 10 52	97 16	4 44	12 32
Saturday	15 John de Laski	" 10: 22-42	♂ rise	22	15th. h sets 11 52	107 15	4 45	1 30
3] 2d Sunday after Epiphany, John 2: 1-11; Rom. 12: 6-16. Day's Length, 9 hours, 30 min.								
Sunday	16 Geo. Spalatine	Mark 1: 1-20	6 2	5	♀ sets 8 36	107 15	4 45	2 12
Monday	17 Anthony	" 1: 21-45	6 59	18	Aldebaran south 8 30	107 14	4 46	3 4
Tuesday	18 John Blackader	" 2:	8 5	1	Orion south 9 49	117 13	4 47	3 45
Wednesday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	" 3: 1-19	9 11	14	☉ enters ♍	117 12	4 48	4 19
Thursday	20 Fabian	" 3: 20-35	10 22	28	♂ sets 11 0	117 11	4 49	5 9
Friday	21 Agnes	" 4:	11 27	12	Neptune stationary	127 10	4 50	5 51
Saturday	22 Vincent	" 5: 6: 1-6	morn.	26	Procyon south 11 12	127 9	4 51	6 40
4] 3d Sunday after Epiphany, Matt. 8: 1-13; Rom. 12: 17-21. Day's Length, 9 hours, 44 min.								
Sunday	23 Isaiah	Mark 6: 7-29	12 26	10	23. Pollux so. 10 13	127 8	4 52	7 38
Monday	24 Timothy	" 6: 30-56	1 40	24	h sets 11 31	127 7	4 53	8 37
Tuesday	25 Paul's convers.	" 7: 1-23	2 51	8	♀ sets 8 48	137 7	1 53	9 35
Wednesday	26 Polycarp	" 7: 24-37	3 54	23	♂ ☉ Superior	137 6	4 54	10 33
Thursday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	" 8:	4 52	7	♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ rises 5 5	137 5	4 55	11 32
Friday	28 Charlemagne	" 9:	5 42	21	♂ in per.	137 4	4 56	12 31
Saturday	29 Juvenin	" 10: 1-31	♂ sets	5	29th. ♀ Hel. Lat. S. ♂ ♀	137 3	4 57	1 13
5] 4th Sunday after Epiphany, Matt. 8: 23-37; Rom. 13: 1-7. Day's Length, 9 hours, 56 min.								
Sunday	30 Henry Müller	Matt. 3:	6 8	19	♂ Neptune ☉	147 2	4 58	2 4
Monday	31 Hans Sachs	" 4: 1-22	7 14	2	♀ in ♍. ♂ sets 10 31	147 0	5 0	2 48

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 7th, 3 o'clock, 8 min., morning.
 Full Moon, 15th, 6 " 32 " morning.
 Last Quarter, 26th, 3 " 46 " morning.
 New Moon, 29th, 7 " 47 " evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, snow; 5, 6, 7, cold; 8, 9, 10, fair;
 11, 12, 13, cold; 14, 15, cloudy; 16, 17, 18, snow; 19,
 20, 21, coldest days; 22, 23, mild; 24, 25, 26, variable;
 27, 28, snow; 29, 30, 31, cold.

EPIPHANY.



Not only is all help from God, but at certain times we feel the need of specially asking God's help. Begin the New Year with prayer.

A CONVENIENT TABLE.

The calculations in this Almanac are made for the Meridian of Philadelphia. To ascertain the true time at the places named below, deduct from the time here given, the number of minutes in each case.

Buffalo, N. Y.....	Deduct	15 minutes.
Harrisburg, Pa.....	"	6 "
Pittsburg, Pa.....	"	19 "
Baltimore, Md.....	"	5 "
Richmond, Va.....	"	9 "
Dauville, Va.....	"	17 "
Wilmington, N. C.....	"	9 "
Cincinnati, O.....	"	37 "
Cleveland, O.....	"	26 "
Columbus, O.....	"	31 "
Indianapolis, Ind.....	"	43 "
Terre Haute, Ind.....	"	49 "
Chicago, Ill.....	"	50 "
Jacksonville, Ill.....	"	1 hour, 00 "
Dubuque, Iowa.....	"	2 "
Milwaukee, Wis.....	"	51 "
Detroit, Mich.....	"	31 "
St. Louis, Mo.....	"	1 hour, 00 "
Jefferson City, Mo.....	"	8 "
Kansas City, Mo.....	"	18 "
St. Josephs, Mo.....	"	17 "

This is the missionary festival of the Church. We celebrate not the visit of the wise men, but rather the great fact which it expresses—Christ, the Saviour of the world, Shiloh gathering the nations, a light to lighten the Gentiles.

As we have a catholic Saviour, so we have a catholic religion. As God showed Him to the Gentiles, so must we do, in Foreign Missions.

The whole world will be converted to Christianity. Rev. 11: 15 is the promise. Matt. 28: 19 is the command to bring it about. The work is now going rapidly forward, and every Christian should gladly take part in it.

To this we are solemnly pledged in our baptism and confirmation, and this we even profess to be doing. Listen:—

"For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend,
To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end."

Many sing a lie. They shed no tear, offer no anxious prayer, and give neither self-denying toil nor care,—to send the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Why do thousands of our people give so little for the spread of Christianity? Because they are not interested in it. Why not interested? Perhaps because their pastor is not; or likely because they do not know how the great work of the Church is going forward. But why do they not know this? Because they do not read the Church paper, and do not earnestly believe what they hear from the pulpit.

Oh, how the kingdom would come, if every Christian were deeply interested in the Lord's work, here and abroad!

LARGE GIFTS.

The papers tell of men and women in other denominations who give large sums, either in life or by will, to their Colleges, Seminaries, Boards and other interests.

We have many people who seem to love the Church and who have wealth, and it is a great pity that so few have given large sums to our Church work. Paul was anxious that Timothy should press this point home upon the conscience of his rich members (1 Tim. 6: 17-19). God wants a part of what He has loaned you through life.

FEBRUARY,

2d Month, 28 Days.

1881.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	Sun h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Tuesday	1 Ignatius	Matt. 4: 23; 5: 1-12	8 21		16 Orion south 8 51	146 59	5 1	3 40	
Wednesday	2 Candle Mass	" 5: 13-32	9 20		29 ♀ sets 9 2	146 58	5 2	4 26	
Thursday	3 Ansgar	" 5: 32-48	10 18		11 ♀ sets 10 16	146 57	5 3	5 14	
Friday	4 Rhaban. Maurus	" 6:	11 16		24 ♀ sets 11 2	146 56	5 4	5 54	
Saturday	5 P. S. Spener	" 7:	morn.		6 5th. ♀ rises 4 50	146 55	5 5	6 40	

6] 5th Sunday after Epiphany Matt. 13: 24-30; Col. 3: 12-17. Day's Length, 10 hours, 12 min.

Sunday	6 Amandus	Matt. 8: 1-17	12 8		18 Sirius south 9 20	146 54	5 6	7 21	
Monday	7 George Wagner	" 8: 17-34	12 38		0 Arctur rises 9 32	146 53	5 7	8 15	
Tuesday	8 Maria Andrea	" 9:	1 46		11 Antares rises 3 30	146 52	5 8	8 55	
Wednesday	9 John Hooper	" 10:	2 34		23 Rigel south 7 36	156 51	5 9	9 40	
Thursday	10 F. C. Oetinger	" 11:	3 16		5 ♀ in apo.	156 49	5 11	10 21	
Friday	11 H. de St. Victor	" 12:	3 54		17 ♀ sets 9 54	156 48	5 12	11 11	
Saturday	12 Lady Jane Grey	" 13:	4 50		1 ♀ sets 9 43	156 47	5 13	12 6	

7] Septuagesima Sunday Matt. 20: 1-16; 1 Cor. 9: 24-37 and 10: 1-5. Day's Length, 10 hours, 30 min.

Sunday	13 C. F. Schwartz	Luke 3:	5 48		14 ♀ sets 9 17	156 45	5 15	1 1	
Monday	14 Brun. of Querfu't	" 4:	♂ rise	27	14th. Spica ris. 10 2	146 44	5 16	1 41	
Tuesday	15 Jacob von Loh	" 5:	7 10		10 ♀ rises 4 32	146 43	5 17	2 30	
Wednesday	16 Matth. Desübas	" 6: 1-19	8 24		24 Andromeda sets 9 50	146 42	5 18	3 22	
Thursday	17 Pat. Hamilton	" 6: 20-49	9 35		8 ♀ in ♀. Regulus south 11 58	146 41	5 19	4 14	
Friday	18 Simeon of Jerus	" 7:	10 38		23 ♀ sets 9 31	146 39	5 21	4 54	
Saturday	19 Mesrob	" 8:	11 40		7 ☉ enters ♄	146 38	5 22	5 41	

8] Sexagesima Sunday, Luke 8: 4-15; 2 Cor. 11: 19-33—12: 1-9. Day's Length, 10 hours, 46 min.

Sunday	20 Sadoth	Luke 9: 1-36	morn.		21 ♀ gr. Elong. East	146 37	5 23	6 30	
Monday	21 Mainrod	" 9: 37-62	12 49		5 2d. ♀ in Perihelion	146 35	5 25	7 15	
Tuesday	22 Washington B.	" 10:	1 55		10 ♀ sets 9 30	146 34	5 26	7 55	
Wednesday	23 B. Ziegenbalg	" 11:	2 46		3 ♀ gr. Elong. East	146 33	5 27	8 43	
Thursday	24 Matthias	" 11: 37-12: 1-12	3 21		17 ♀ sets 6 10	136 32	5 28	9 41	
Friday	25 Casp. Olevianus	" 12: 13-59	4 6		1 ♀ sets 4 16	136 30	5 30	10 40	
Saturday	26 Berthold Haller	" 13: 1-21	4 56		14 ♀ in per. ♀ sets 10 10	136 29	5 31	11 39	

9] Quinquagesima Sunday, Luke 18: 31-43; 1 Cor. 13: 1-13. Day's Length, 11 hours, 4 min.

Sunday	27 Martin Bucer	Luke 13: 22-35	5 41		28 ♀ sets 9 11	136 28	5 32	12 33	
Monday	28 Jno. de Mon. Corv	" 14:	♂ sets	11	28th. Sirius so. 7 54	136 27	5 33	1 30	

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	5th, 7 o'clock, 53 min., evening.
Full Moon,	14th, 1 " 22 " morning.
Last Quarter,	21st, 2 " 28 " afternoon.
New Moon,	28th, 6 " 21 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, snow; 4, 5, 6, cold; 7, 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, cloudy, with snow; 12, 13, 14, clear; 15, 16, cloudy; 17, 18, snow; 19, 20, cold; 21, 22, 23, moderate; 24, 25, cloudy; 26, 27, 28, rain and snow.

(♀) Venus is Evening Star until the third of May; then again Morning Star to the end of the year.



MEMBERSHIP AND GOOD STANDING.

These are two very different things. Confirmation brings you into full membership; and a godly life keeps you in good standing.

You may be unfaithful, failing for a long time to do your private and public duties, and so lose your good standing; but you do not by this neglect lose your membership (unless in time your name be stricken from the Church roll, according to Article 115 of the Constitution).

Membership is your right to the privileges of the Church. This you always have; but good standing is a state of faithfulness in duty.

The main point in a certificate of dismission from one congregation to another is, not membership, but good standing. It says, "*In good and regular standing.*" Without this, the certificate has no proper value. Even ministers, in certain cases, omit this, because they cannot say it of the individual; but instead of this they should altogether refuse the certificate, and let the member join on "profession of faith," that is, by renewing his vows and taking a fresh start in the Christian life.

WHAT IS A PASTORAL VISIT?

Not merely going to see a family once a year. And especially not going to beg a load of gifts.

So many people think it is no pastoral visit unless the minister stays half a day.

"I can do everything for my people but eat," said the minister. "That is not in the Apostolic Commission."

Some think it is not a pastoral visit unless the minister prays with the family. But even this is not always best.

The pastor goes for a certain purpose, and this will govern his action in the family.

Perhaps he goes to seek the sick or the aged. Or some are careless. Or the family does not get the Church paper. Or he wants the children in the catechetical class. One should be confirmed. Or he merely wants to get better acquainted with them.

It is truly a pastoral visit, whether he stays half a day or only half an hour; whether he eats and prays with them, or does neither. Neither eating nor praying, nor both, make it any more or less a pastoral visit.

What does make it a pastoral visit? *Doing his work.* Perhaps he does not at all enter the house. He finds the father at the woodpile, and there gets him to take the Church paper. He sits down on a log with the son, and wins his love. He follows the hired man to the stable, and gets his name for confirmation.

The pastor must do his work in the way that to him seems best. He cannot follow a fixed rule. To stay for a meal is often only a pitiful waste of time. Even prayer is sometimes much out of place.

"Why do you not come to see us?" said Mr. Green.

"I have been there twice."

"But we were not at home."

"And yet it took just as long to get there as if you had been at home."

Notice, too, that the Constitutional question asked of the elders at Classis is not about *pastoral* visitation, but this:

"Is *family* visitation faithfully performed?"

This refers not only to pastors, but also to elders. They, too, have a work to do in the families,—visiting the sick and aged, stirring up the careless, warning the erring, etc., etc.

Classis wants to know whether this great work is done in the charge, by all to whom it belongs. Hence the question: "Is *family* visitation faithfully performed?"

MARCH,

3d Month, 31 Days.

1881.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. Sun fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Tuesday	1 Shrove Tuesday	Luke 15:	7 8	24	♂ ♀. ♀ stationary ♂ ☿ ☽	136 25 5	35 2 15	
Wednesday	2 Ash Wednesday	" 16:	8 16	7	♀ sets 9 40	126 24 5	36 2 58	
Thursday	3 Bathilde	" 17:1-19	9 21	19	♂ ♀. ♀. ♀	126 23 5	37 3 43	
Friday	4 Geo. Wishart	" 17:20-37	10 30	1	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	126 21 5	39 4 31	
Saturday	5 Thos. Aquinas	" 18:1-30	11 38	13	♂ rises 4 0	126 20 5	40 5 16	
10] 1st Sunday in Lent, Matt. 4: 1-11; 2 Cor. 6: 1-10. Day's Length, 11 hours, 22 min.								
Sunday	6 Fridolin	Luke 18: 31-19: 1-28	morn.	25	♀ in Perihelion	116 19 5	41 6 18	
Monday	7 Perpetua	" 19: 29-20: 1-18	12 29	7	7th. ♀ sets 9 41	116 18 5	42 6 48	
Tuesday	8 Zach. Ursinus	" 20: 19-21: 1-4	1 18	19	♂. ♀ sets 8 52	116 16 5	44 7 34	
Wednesday	9 Emberday	" 21: 5-35	2 16	1	Rigel sets 11 20	116 15 5	45 8 19	
Thursday	10 40 Martyrs at Sebaste	" 22: 1-30	3 14	13	♂ in apo.	106 13 5	47 8 59	
Friday	11 Wm. Hoseus	" 22: 31-71	3 50	25	♂ ♀ ☽ Inferior	106 12 5	48 9 46	
Saturday	12 Greg. the Great	" 23:	4 21	8	Regulus south 10 39	106 11 5	49 10 34	
11] 2d Sunday in Lent, Matt. 15: 21-38; 1 Thes. 4: 1-8. Day's Length, 11 hours, 42 min.								
Sunday	13 Rudericus	Mark 10: 32-52	4 58	21	♀ sets 9 48	106 9 5	51 11 20	
Monday	14 Matilda	" 11:	5 29	5	♂ rises 3 42	96 8 5	52 12 16	
Tuesday	15 Thos. Cranmer	" 12:	♂ rise	19	15th. Wega ris. 10 8	96 7 5	53 1 12	
Wednesday	16 Heribert	" 13:	7 39	3	Orion south 6 2	96 5 5	55 1 51	
Thursday	17 St. Patrick	" 14: 1-54	8 55	18	♂ sets 8 33	96 4 5	56 2 40	
Friday	18 Alexander	" 14: 55-15: 1-15	9 58	3	♂ sets 9 19	86 3 5	57 3 53	
Saturday	19 Mary & Martha	" 15: 16-47	10 58	18	* sets 11 13	86 1 5	59 4 23	
12] 3d Sunday in Lent, Luke 11: 14-28; Eph. 5: 1-9. Day's Length, 12 hours, 0 min.								
Sunday	20 Ambrose of Sien	Matt. 20: 17-33	11 59	2	☽ enters ♀. Days and Nights Equal	86 0 6	0 5 12	
Monday	21 Benedict	" 21:	morn.	16	Spring commences	75 59 6	1 6 6	
Tuesday	22 Nich v. d. Flüe	" 22:	12 54	0	22d. ☽	75 57 6	3 6 49	
Wednesday	23 Wolfgang	" 23:	1 40	14	♂ stationary	75 56 6	4 7 38	
Thursday	24 Florentius	" 24: 1-31	2 31	28	♀ sets 9 40	65 54 6	6 8 27	
Friday	25 Ann. V. Mary	" 24: 31-51	3 8	11	♂ in per.	65 53 6	7 9 20	
Saturday	26 Lindger	" 25:	3 42	24	♂ ♀. ♀ rises 3 31	65 52 6	8 10 18	
13] 4th Sunday in Lent, John 6: 1-14; Gal. 4: 21-31. Day's Length, 12 hours, 18 min.								
Sunday	27 Rupertus	Matt. 26: 1-13	4 16	7	♂ in ☽. ♀ gr. brilliancy	55 51 6	9 11 16	
Monday	28 John von Goch	" 26: 14-35	5 2	20	♂ ♀. ♀ gr. Hel. "st.	55 49 6	11 12 13	
Tuesday	29 Eustatius	" 26: 36-56	♂ sets	3	29th. Orion sets 11 40	55 48 6	12 1 11	
Wednesday	30 John Heermann	" 26: 57; 27: 1-2	7 35	15	♂ sets 8 10	55 47 6	13 2 4	
Thursday	31 Ernest the Pious	" 27: 3-31	8 37	27	♂ ♀. ♀. ♀ sets 8 48	45 45 6	15 2 46	

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	7th,	3 o'clock, 1 min.,	afternoon.
Full Moon,	15th,	5 "	25 " evening
Last Quarter,	22d,	10 "	28 " "
New Moon,	29th,	5 "	31 " "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, cloudy; 8, 9, cold;
10, 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, variable; 15, 16, snow; 17, 18,
19, very cold; 20, 21, 22, fair; 23, 24, cloudy; 25, rain;
26, 27, fair; 28, 29, 30, cloudy, rainy; 31, clear.



Read Gen. 28: 10-12. Jacob's ladder still stands. To-day yet angels are ministering spirits sent forth to minister unto the heirs of salvation.

THE OLD PLAN IS BETTER.

Good people should try to change the custom of raising large sums of money at the dedication of churches. Often it is successfully done, but amid laughter, stories, tricks and other unbecoming ways which are far from the spirit of the sacred day. Then, too, the dedication service is often delayed even several hours, and the joy of all is much lessened.

A far better way is to get all the money beforehand, as Moses did when he built the tabernacle, and as Solomon did when he built the temple. Let all the debts be paid, and then the congregation has nothing to do but give the house to the Lord and rejoice before Him. They will not feel uneasy for a week before. No one will be wearied and annoyed by stale "begging" appeals. The day will be one of joy and praise. Part of the praise may be a large and grateful almsgiving.

OUR NATIONAL LIQUOR-BILLS.

Estimates are made from time to time, based on returns from the Internal Revenue Office, police courts, and other places, hospitals, insane asylums, poor-houses, and other charitable institutions, from which it is calculated with reasonable certainty that our liquor-bills amount yearly to not less than:

1. Direct expenses, \$600,000,000.
2. Indirect expenses, \$600,000,000.
3. Intemperance burns and destroys property amounting to \$10,000,000.
4. It destroys 70,000 lives.
5. It makes 30,000 widows.
6. It makes 100,000 orphans.
7. It makes 500 maniacs.
8. It instigates 250 murders.
9. It causes 500 suicides.
10. It consigns to jail 500,000 criminals.
11. And greater even than all these, it in many ways endangers the inheritance of liberty left us by our fathers corrupting the ballot-box. Surely a Christian should set himself firmly against this unholy work.

"THE PEOPLE ARE TOO BUSY."

So the kind pastor apologized for the small attendance at a very important service. Perhaps it was a preparatory service, or a congregational business meeting, or an installation service. No matter, very few members were present. It was on a week day, and in a tolerably busy season; but it was an important day for the congregation, and all should have been there.

But they were not there. "The people are too busy," said the good man. In plain English, this absence means that their daily work is more important than the Lord's work; that the perishable things of time are to be attended to before the certain and great things of the kingdom (not so in Matt. 6: 33); that farm and house work are not to stand aside for sacred Church interests.

"Too busy!" Not at all. God teaches men that they can take time. An accident or break may throw work back seven times as long as a Church service. A funeral costs two or three days. Sickness lays men by for weeks.

Always take time to go to God's house. Never be too busy to work or worship there.

APRIL,

4th Month, 30 Days.

1881.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. rises m. h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday	1 Fritigid	Mark 27: 32-50	9 27		♂ ♀. ♀ sets 9 31	45 44	16 3	33	
Saturday	2 Theodosia	" 27: 51-56	10 14		♂ rises 3 21	45 43	16 4	17	
14] 5th Sunday in Lent, John 8: 46-59; Heb. 9: 11-15. Day's Length, 12 hours, 38 min.									
Sunday	3 Gerh. Tersteegen	John 11:	10 59		7* sets 9 48	35 41	16 19	4 57	
Monday	4 Ambrose	" 12:	11 46		♂ sets 7 54	35 40	16 5	43	
Tuesday	5 Christ. Sriver	" 13: 1-30	morn.		♂. ♀ sets 8 31	35 39	16 6	31	
Wednesday	6 Albert Durer	" 13: 31-14	12 32		6th. ♀ in apo. ♂ in Aph.	25 38	16 22	7 15	
Thursday	7 Olaus Peterson	" 15:	1 10		♂ gr. Elon. West	25 37	16 23	7 57	
Friday	8 Mart. Chemnitz	" 16:	1 48		♂ rises 4 50	25 35	16 25	8 42	
Saturday	9 Thos. v. Westen	" 17:	2 22		Sirius sets 10 30	25 34	16 26	9 30	
15] Palm Sunday, John 12: 1-16; Phil. 2: 5-11. Day's Length, 12 hours, 56 min.									
Sunday	10 Fulbert	Lam. Jeremiah	2 52		Orion sets 10 57	15 32	16 28	10 15	
Monday	11 Leo the Great	Heb. 8:	3 21		♀ stationary	15 31	16 29	10 59	
Tuesday	12 Sabas	" 9:	3 50		♂ sets 8 40	15 30	16 30	11 46	
Wednesday	13 Justin Martyr	" 10:	4 22		Spica south 11 51	05 29	16 31	12 34	
Thursday	14 Maund. Thurs.	John 6:	♂ rise		14th. ♂ rises 3 10	5 28	16 32	1 25	
Friday	15 Good Friday	Luke 23: 32-49	8 30		♂ sets 7 2	5 27	16 33	2 10	
Saturday	16 Peter Waldo	Heb. 4:	9 46		♂ sets 7 10	05 25	16 35	2 54	
16] Easter Sunday, John 20: 1-10; Col. 3: 1-11. Day's Length, 13 hours, 12 min.									
Sunday	17 Easter Sunday	John 20: 1-18	10 45		Rigel sets 8 59	15 24	16 36	3 42	
Monday	18 Easter Monday	Luke 24: 1-12	11 44		♂. ♀ sets 8 2	15 23	16 37	4 31	
Tuesday	19 Melancthon	Acts 2: 22-47	morn.		♂ in per.	15 21	16 39	5 20	
Wednesday	20 John Bugenhag	1 Cor. 15:	12 30		♂ enters ♂	15 20	16 40	6 0	
Thursday	21 Anselm of Cant.	Rom. 6:	1 11		21st. ♂ ♀	15 19	16 41	6 41	
Friday	22 Origen	" 8:	1 47		♂ ♀ ♀. ♂ ♀	25 18	16 42	7 30	
Saturday	23 Adelbert	1 Cor. 3:	2 16		Regulus south 7 57	25 17	16 43	8 26	
17] 1st Sunday after Easter, John 20: 19-31; 1 John 5: 4-10. Day's Length, 13 hours, 30 min.									
Sunday	24 Wilfrid	John 1:	2 44		♂ ♀. ♂ rises 2 52	25 15	16 45	9 27	
Monday	25 St. Mark, Evan.	" 2:	3 8		Sirius sets 9 31	25 14	16 46	10 28	
Tuesday	26 Trudpert	" 3:	3 36		♂ ♀. Orion sets 8 58	25 13	16 47	11 29	
Wednesday	27 Otto Catelin	" 4:	4 10		♂ gr. Hel Lat. S. ♂ ♀	25 12	16 48	12 28	
Thursday	28 Fred. Myconius	" 5:	♂ sets		28th. ♀ ♂ ♀. ♀	35 10	16 50	1 27	
Friday	29 L. von Berquin	" 6: 1-40	8 18		Antares rises 9 29	35 9	16 51	2 28	
Saturday	30 Geo. Calixtus	" 6: 41-71	9 12		Procyon sets 11 18	35 8	16 52	3 29	

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 6th, 10 o'clock, 53 min. forenoon.
Full Moon, 14th, 6 " 48 " morning.
Last Quarter, 21st, 4 " 36 " afternoon.
New Moon, 28th, 5 " 53 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, showers; 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, 11, cloudy; 12, 13, thunder showers; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, 19, clear; 20, 21, showers; 22, 23, 24, fair; 25, 26, thunder showers; 27, cloudy; 28, 29, 30, clear.

(♂.) Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun the 21st, and cannot be seen.

(♀.) Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun the 22d, and cannot be seen.



HAVE YOU A FAMILY ALTAR?

Family worship is greatly neglected. Where children are old enough it may be made an interesting service by reading the Scriptures verse about, or by singing a verse or two of some familiar hymn, or by the children in turn leading in prayer. This last act would gradually prepare them for more public prayer. Many men now would have family worship, but say they cannot lead in prayer. Then why not use a book of family prayers, as our German fathers used to do?

Do you give your pastor a vacation—a resting time? He both needs and deserves it. Do not let him ask for it. He will enjoy it all the more if you promptly offer it. And offer it early, so that he may make his arrangements to use it to good advantage. You will even gain by such a kindness.

USE THESE.

"Why do you not ask a blessing at your table?" said the pastor.

"Because I do not know how."

"Would you do so if you knew how? Then use one or more of the following, and teach your children to use them:"—

TABLE PRAYERS.

O God, Father of all mercies, bless our daily bread, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

Our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for our daily bread, and pray Thee bless it to our use, for our Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

O Lord, all our mercies are from Thy hand. Help us to show our thankfulness by living to Thy praise, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our heavenly Father, give us thankful hearts for these and all other mercies of Thy hand. Keep us in Thy fear, pardon our sins, and save us for our Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father in Heaven, we look to Thee for Thy blessing upon our daily bread. Sanctify it to our use and us to Thy service, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Almighty God, we acknowledge Thy goodness in these new mercies, and pray that they may strengthen us for Thy service. Nourish our souls with heavenly food, and save us for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord, and Thou givest them their meat in due season; Thou openest Thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Give us thankful hearts for Thy goodness, and save us, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Oh God, Thou art the giver of all our blessings. Continue to supply our wants and the wants of all Thy needy creatures. Strengthen us for Thy service, and save us for our Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

DO YOU KEEP YOUR ALMANACS?

I have lately been reading the Reformed Almanacs published since 1864. They give an immense amount of historical and statistical matter, besides many useful hints and bits of advice which are always in place. They give a bird's-eye view of nearly twenty years of our Church life. Too many people throw away their almanacs and Church papers.

MAY,

5th Month, 31 Days.

1881.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m. h. m.	Sun rises. m. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
18]	2d Sunday after Easter,	John 10: 11-16; 1 Pet. 2: 20-25.	Day's Length, 13 hours 46 min.						
Sunday	1 Philip & James	John 7:	9 56		12 ♀ rises 2 38	35	7 6 53	4 30	
Monday	2 Athanasius	" 8: 1-30	10 47		♂ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	35	6 6 54	5 16	
Tuesday	3 Monica	" 8: 31-59	11 28		♂ ♀ ☉ Inferior ☾	35	5 6 55	5 48	
Wednesday	4 Florian	" 9:	morn.		♂ in apo. ♂ Neptune ☉	35	4 6 56	6 36	
Thursday	5 Fred. the Wise	" 10:	12 14		7* sets 8 16	35	3 6 57	7 14	
Friday	6 John of Damasc.	" 11:	12 58		6th. ♂ ♄ ♀ ♀	45	2 6 58	8 6	
Saturday	7 Otto the Great	" 12:	1 30		♂ ♄ ♀ ♀ Spica south 10 20	45	1 6 59	8 49	
19]	3d Sunday after Easter,	John 16: 16-22; 1 Pet. 2: 11-19.	Day's Length, 14 hours, 0 min.						
Sunday	8 Stanislaus	John 13: 14:	1 56		8 Aldebaran sets 8 22	45	0 7 0	9 31	
Monday	9 Gr'g. Nanzianzen	" 15:	2 18		21 Sirius sets 8 32	44	59 7	110 13	
Tuesday	10 John Heuglin	" 16: 17:	2 49		5 Librae south 11 54	44	58 7	210 56	
Wednesday	11 John Arndt	" 18:	3 16		20 Orion sets 9 4	44	57 7	311 42	
Thursday	12 Meletius	" 19:	3 42		5 Procyon sets 10 34	44	56 7	412 33	
Friday	13 Servatius	" 20:	♂ rise		20 13th. ♀ rises 2 18	44	55 7	5 1 15	
Saturday	14 Pachomius	" 21:	8 29		5 Arctur south 10 42	44	54 7	6 2 5	
20]	4th Sunday after Easter,	John 16: 5-15; James 1: 16-21.	Day's Length, 14 hours, 14 min.						
Sunday	15 Moses	Heb. 1: 2:	9 27		20 ♀. ♀ rises 3 14	44	53 7	7 2 57	
Monday	16 Martyrs at L.	" 3: 4:	10 24		5 ♂ in per.	44	52 7	8 3 45	
Tuesday	17 Joachim of Flor.	" 5: 6:	11 14		20 ☿ station-ary. ♂ ♄ ☉ superior	44	51 7	9 4 31	
Wednesday	18 80 Mart. under Val.	" 7:	11 49		4 Spica south 9 38	44	50 7	10 5 14	
Thursday	19 Alcuin	" 8:	morn.		18 Sirius sets 7 58	44	50 7	10 6 2	
Friday	20 Val. Herberger	" 9:	12 24		1 ☾ 20th. ♄ in Perihelion	44	49 7	11 6 44	
Saturday	21 Constantine	" 10:	12 52		14 ☉ enters ♏	44	48 7	12 7 32	
21]	5th Sunday after Easter,	John 16: 23-33; James 1: 22-27.	Day's Length, 14 hours, 26 min.						
Sunday	22 Castus & Aemil.	Heb. 11:	1 19		27 ♀ stationary	44	47 7	13 8 30	
Monday	23 Jerome Savanor	" 12:	1 45		9 ♂ ♄ ♀. ♄ in ☿	34	46 7	14 9 28	
Tuesday	24 Augustine Cazal	" 13:	2 10		21 ♀ rises Morn. Star 2 59	34	45 7	15 10 27	
Wednesday	25 Augustine	John 14:	2 49		3 ♂ ♄ ♀. ♀. ♄	34	44 7	16 11 26	
Thursday	26 Ascension Day	Col. 2:	3 22		15 ♄ in Perihelion	34	44 7	16 12 25	
Friday	27 John Calvin	John 15:	♂ sets		27 27th. ♄ rises 1 56	34	43 7	17 1 12	
Saturday	28 Langfranc	" 16:	8 20		9 ☿. ♂ ♄ ♄. ♄ rises 2 50	34	42 7	18 1 53	
22]	6th Sunday after Easter,	John 15: 26-16: 14; 1 Peter 4: 8-11.	Day's Length, 14 hours, 36 min.						
Sunday	29 David Zeisberger	1 John 1:	8 59		21 Spica south 8 54	34	42 7	18 2 41	
Monday	30 Jer'me of Prague	" 2:	9 39		3 ☿ ☉. ♄ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	34	41 7	19 3 30	
Tuesday	31 Joac'm Neander	" 3:	10 11		15 Arctur south 9 38	34	41 7	19 4 14	

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 6th, 5 o'clock, 43 min., morning.
 Full Moon, 13th, 5 " 22 " afternoon.
 Last Quarter, 20th, 10 " 5 " forenoon.
 New Moon, 27th, 6 " 34 " evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear, 3, 4, showers; 5, 6, 7, fair; 8, 9, warm;
 10, 11, thunder; 12, 13, rain; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17, 18,
 19, cloudy; 20, 21, 22, fair; 23, 24, thunder showers;
 25, 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, 31, showers.

(♀.) Venus is in Inferior conjunction below the Sun the 3d, and passes from Evening to Morning Star.



Daily we need a helping hand. How kind and brave to help sister over the wall.

IS YOUR MINISTER A BEGGAR ?

"I am a poor beggar," said the minister, when he introduced a large subscription and made a statement to the congregation; "in fact I am not at all a beggar, but the Lord's collector. I rather think you do not want your minister to be a money-beggar. If he must beg, it only shows that something is wrong with you who are so unwilling. What you need to know is the facts in the case; the amount to be raised, the object, the time and place of payment, and the reasonable amount needed from each, and these facts you then consider in the light of duty and conscience, and make up your mind to give a certain amount. I am not the Lord's beggar, but I try to see that the Lord's business is well done. Please give largely and cheerfully."

FACTS ABOUT JAPAN.

Japan is an empire of islands, 150 miles east of China, 8,000 miles from America, lying between thirty and forty-five degrees north latitude, with every variety of climate which we have between Florida and Vermont.

Japan is just about one-twentieth as large as the United States;* but it has a population of 35,000,000.

Japan became missionary ground already in the time of the Reformation. In 1550 the work began, and was very successful for fifty years; when the missionaries (who were Roman Catholics) attempted to overthrow the government in order to bring the Empire under the temporal power of the Pope.

Then began a long and terrible persecution, in which many thousands of Christians died; and then followed the anti-Christian laws, on pain of death forbidding any one to teach Christianity.

Only of late years is Japan open. A great change has come. Not only are missionaries now allowed to teach Christianity, but also a large part of the people are very anxious to hear the gospel. The most cheering news comes back. A wonderful work is going forward.

Eight American and five British Missionary Societies have sent over one hundred missionaries to Japan.

Oh, if the harvest is so ripe, shall we not send men to gather it?

BETHANY ORPHAN HOME.

Is at Womelsdorf, Pa.; has been open 17 years; has had 325 orphans; in 11 years 132 have been confirmed there; now has 65 orphans; has 72 acres good farm land, worked by two men and the larger boys; within a year has paid off several thousand dollars of debt; and begs the prayers and alms of the Church. What work of the Church is more sacred and deserving?





An old-fashioned, minister passing a fashionable church, not long ago, on which a new spire was going up, was asked how much higher it was to be. "Not much," he answered; "that congregation don't own much higher in that direction."

* 150,000 square miles; the size of Dakota Territory.








JUNE,

6th Month, 30 Days.







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Wednesday	1 J. Fred. Oberlin	1 John 4:	10 50		27 ♀ in apo. ♀ ris. 2 50 ☾		24 40 7 20	5 4	
Thursday	2 Pothimus	" 5:	11 21		9 Arctur south 9 27		24 40 7 20	5 46	
Friday	3 Chlotilde	Joel 3:	11 58		21 ♀ Spica south 8 31		24 39 7 21	6 31	
Saturday	4 Quirinus	John 17:	morn.		4 ♀ 4th. Libraso. 10 16		24 39 7 21	7 15	








23] *Whitsunday or Pentecost,* John 14: 15-31; Acts 2: 1-11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 min.*

Sunday	5 <i>Whitsunday</i>	Gal. 3: 4: 1-7	12 18		17 ♀ ♀ h. ♀ rises 1 32		24 38 7 22	7 55	
Monday	6 <i>Whitmonday</i>	" 5:	12 46		0 ♀ rises 2 4		24 38 7 22	8 42	
Tuesday	7 Paul Gerhart	Romans 12:	1 20		14 Regulus sets 11 42		14 38 7 22	9 22	
Wednesday	8 <i>Emberday</i>	1 Cor. 13:	1 57		28 ♀ gr. Brilliancy		14 37 7 23	10 10	
Thursday	9 Columba	Rom. 6: 19-7	2 24		13 Procyon sets 8 41		14 37 7 23	10 52	
Friday	10 Fred. Barbarossa	" 8:	2 59		28 ♀ rises 2 24		14 37 7 23	11 40	
Saturday	11 <i>Barnabas</i>	2 Cor. 5:	3 39		13 ♀. Antares south 11 2		14 36 7 24	12 36	






24] *Trinity Sunday,* John 3: 1-15; Rev. 4: 1-11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 min.*

Sunday	12 Renata	Acts 1: 2:	♂ rise		28 12th. ☾ Eclipse visible ☾		04 36 7 24	1 31	
Monday	13 Isaac Le Febre	" 3:	9 1		13 ☾ in per.		04 36 7 24	2 20	
Tuesday	14 Basil	" 4:	9 42		28 ♀ rises 1 11	Sun	4 35 7 25	3 10	
Wednesday	15 W. Wilberforce	" 5:	10 17		12 ♀ rises 1 38	srw	4 35 7 25	3 56	
Thursday	16 Richard Baxter	" 6:	10 49		26 Arctur south 8 32		04 35 7 25	4 42	
Friday	17 John Tauler	" 7:	11 15		10 ♀ Spica sets 1 1		14 35 7 25	5 31	
Saturday	18 Pamphilus	" 8:	11 42		23 18th. Altair south 11 53		14 35 7 25	6 14	

25] *1st Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 16: 19-21; 1 John 4: 7-21. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.*

Sunday	19 Council at Nice	1 Pet. 2: 1-10	morn.		6 ♀ ♀ ♀ sets 8 10		14 35 7 25	6 49	
Monday	20 27 Martyrs	Acts 10:	12 10		18 ♀ gr. Elon. East		14 35 7 25	7 37	
Tuesday	21 Matth. Claudius	" 11:	12 41		0 ☉ enters 25. Longest Day. ☾ ♀ h.		14 34 7 26	8 34	
Wednesday	22 Gottschalk	" 12:	1 10		12 ☾ ♀ ♀ Summer commences		14 35 7 25	9 29	
Thursday	23 Gottfried Alnold	1 Pet. 2: 11-3: 1-7	1 43		24 ♀ rises 1 50		24 35 7 25	10 27	
Friday	24 John Baptist	" 3: 18-4: 16	2 24		6 ♀ rises 12 46		24 35 7 25	11 25	
Saturday	25 Augsburg Conf.	" 4: 17-5	3 6		18 ☉. ♀ rises 1 5		24 35 7 25	12 23	

26] *2d Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 14: 16-24; 1 John 3: 13-24. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.*

Sunday	26 J. Val. Andreæ	James 1:	♂ se. s		0 26th. ♀ in Aph. ☾		24 35 7 25	1 21	
Monday	27 Seven Sleepers	2 Pet. 1: 12-2: 3:	8 4		12 ♀ rises 1 4		34 35 7 25	2 11	
Tuesday	28 Irenæus	James 2:	8 49		24 ☾ in apo. ♀ ♀		34 35 7 25	2 56	
Wednesday	29 Peter and Paul	" 3:	9 19		5 Wega south 12 1		34 36 7 24	3 43	
Thursday	30 Raymond Lully	" 4:	9 49		18 Spica sets 12 6		34 36 7 24	4 31	

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	4th, 10 o'clock, 13 min., evening.
Full Moon,	12th, 1 " 55 " morning.
Last Quarter,	18th, 4 " 18 " afternoon.
New Moon,	26th, 9 " 2 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, 6, warm showers; 7, thunder; 8, 9, fair; 10, 11, cloudy, rain; 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, thunder showers; 17, 18, clear; 19, showers; 20, 21, 22, variable; 23, 24, fair; 25, 26, thunder, 27, 28, cloudy; 29, 30, fair.



This blind girl is reading the Bible. She cannot see, but she can feel the letters, "raised" letters they are called. We should thank God not only for sight, but also for so many helps for the blind.

"WILL OUR MONEY GO TO THE RIGHT PLACE?"

If you will take the Church paper you can see both where your money goes and how much good it is doing. Your money is sent to the different Boards, and is acknowledged in the Church paper. For this, in part, you are urged to take it. You can see, also, how much others give.

But what do you mean by "Boards?" They are the men whom the Synods choose and to whom is committed the management of our Church work (Colleges, Seminaries, Missions, Orphan Homes, &c.).

You are not helping the Boards when you give your alms, but you are simply asking them to use your alms for the good of the Church. The work is not theirs, but yours as well.

IN THE NEST.

Gather them close to your loving heart,
Cradle them on your breast;
They will soon enough leave your brooding care,
Soon enough mount youth's topmost stair—
Little ones in the nest.

Fret not that the children's hearts are gay,
That their restless feet will run;
There may come a time in the by-and-by
When you'll sit in your lonely room and sigh
For a sound of childish fun.

When you'll long for a repetition sweet
That sounded through each room,
Of "Mother!" "Mother!" the dear love calls,
That will echo long in the silent halls,
And add to their stately gloom.

There may come a time when you'll long to hear
The eager, boyish tread,
The tuneless whistle, the clear, shrill shout,
The busy bustle in and out,
And pattering overhead.

When the boys and girls are all grown up,
And scattered far and wide,
Or gone to the undiscovered shore
Where youth and age come nevermore,
You will miss them from your side.

Then gather them close to your loving heart,
Cradle them on your breast;
They will soon enough leave your brooding care,
Soon enough mount youth's topmost stair—
Little ones in the nest.

DISCOURAGED.

"I often become discouraged," said a faithful worker in the Church.

"You may be glad of it," said I.

"Why so? I see no comfort in it."

"Because it shows that you are interested in the Lord's work. I only wish ten thousand more of our people were sometimes discouraged; things would go better. A feeling of discouragement shows that your heart is in the work. Is not that a comfort?"

A TRICK OF THE DEVIL.

When some great work is to be done (church built, charge divided, mission started, pastor called), the devil sets people to fighting, sometimes about something and sometimes about nothing, and the work fails.

Why will people listen to the voice of the enemy? Can you not see that all this is only his trick to spoil your plan and to hinder God's work?

JULY,

7th Month, 31 Days.

1881.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. rises. m. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	Sun Phila. h. m.	HIGH WATER.
Friday	1 H. Voes	James 5:	10 21	♋ 1	☉ in Apogee	3 4	36 7	24 5	13
Saturday	2 Visit V. M.	Jude	10 48	♋ 14	☾ rises 1 49	4 4	36 7	24 5	56
27] 3d Sunday after Trinity, Luke 15: 1-10; 1 Pet. 5: 6-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 46 min.									
Sunday	3 Otto Bishop	Acts 13: 1-12	11 17	♋ 27	♄ stationary	4 4	37 7	23 6	42
Monday	4 Independence	" 13: 13-52	11 54	♋ 10	4th. ♄ rises 12 22	4 4	37 7	23 7	32
Tuesday	5 Lord Cobham	" 14: morn.	12 29	♋ 24	♄ rises 12 45	4 4	37 7	23 8	18
Wednesday	6 John Huss	" 15: 12 29	12 59	♋ 8	♄ ♄ ♄ ♄ rises 12 51	4 4	38 7	22 9	8
Thursday	7 Willabald	" 16: 12 59	1 40	♋ 22	Wega south 11 22	5 4	38 7	22 9	52
Friday	8 Kilian	" 17: 1-14	2 36	♋ 22	♄ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	5 4	39 7	21 10	41
Saturday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	" 17: 15-18: 11	2 36	♋ 22	♄. Antares south 9 8	5 4	39 7	21 11	30
28] 4th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 6: 36-42; Rom. 8: 18-23. Day's Length, 14 hours, 40 min.									
Sunday	10 Wm. of Orange	1 Thess. 1:	3 18	♋ 7	Arctur sets 2 2	5 4	40 7	20 12	26
Monday	11 Placedus	" 2: 1-16	8 8	♋ 22	11th. ☽ in per.	5 4	40 7	20 1	22
Tuesday	12 Henry II.	" 2: 17-3	8 44	♋ 21	☾ gr. Elong. West	5 4	41 7	19 2	12
Wednesday	13 Eugenius	" 4: 9 14	9 14	♋ 5	☾ rises 1 35	5 4	41 7	19 2	50
Thursday	14 Bonaventura	" 5: 1 1	9 42	♋ 18	♄ rises 12 10	5 4	42 7	18 3	39
Friday	15 Answer	2 " 1: 2: 1-12	10 10	♋ 2	♄ rises 12 14	6 4	43 7	17 4	26
Saturday	16 Anna Askow	" 2: 13-3	10 10	♋ 2	♄ rises 12 10	6 4	43 7	17 5	10
29] 5th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 5: 1-11; 1 Pet. 3: 8-15. Day's Length, 14 hours, 32 min.									
Sunday	17 Separatus & 11 co.	Gala. 1: 1-10	10 38	♋ 15	♄ ☽ ☽ Inferior	6 4	44 7	16 5	56
Monday	18 Arnulf	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10	11 07	♋ 27	18th. Dog Days Begin	6 4	45 7	15 6	41
Tuesday	19 Louisa Henrietta	Gala. 1: 11; 2: 1-14	11 40	♋ 9	♄ ☽ ♄ ♄ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	6 4	46 7	14 7	32
Wednesday	20 John Martheil	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	12 19	♋ 3	☽ ☽ ♄ ♄	6 4	46 7	14 8	15
Thursday	21 Eberhard	" 3: 15	1 1	♋ 15	☽ ☽ ♄ ♄ rises 1 1	6 4	47 7	13 8	56
Friday	22 Mary Magdalen	" 4: 1 43	1 43	♋ 27	♄ rises 11 56	6 4	48 7	12 9	44
Saturday	23 God r.v. Hamelle	" 5: 6:	2 40	♋ 9	☽ ☽ enters ☽	6 4	49 7	11 10	40
30] 6th Sunday after Trinity, Matt. 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 20 min.									
Sunday	24 Thos. a. Kempis	1 Cor. 1:	3 38	♋ 21	♄ gr. Hel. Lat. ☽ ☽ ♄	6 4	50 7	10 11	38
Monday	25 St. James	" 2: 3 4: 1-4	7 50	♋ 15	♄ rises 11 31	6 4	51 7	9 12	35
Tuesday	26 Christopher	" 4: 5-5: 1-8	8 10	♋ 28	26th. ☽ in apo.	6 4	52 7	8 1	32
Wednesday	27 Raym. Palmarius	" 5: 9-6:	8 41	♋ 11	♄ stationary	6 4	52 7	8 2	21
Thursday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach.	" 7: 9 8	9 8	♋ 24	♄ rises 11 46	6 4	53 7	7 3	11
Friday	29 Olaus	" 8: 9:	9 8	♋ 24	♄ rises 11 39	6 4	54 7	6 3	55
Saturday	30 John Wessel	" 8: 9:	9 8	♋ 24	7* rises 11 34	6 4	55 7	5 4	43
31] 7th Sunday after Trinity, Mark 8: 1-9; Rom. 6: 19-23. Day's Length, 14 hours, 8 min.									
Sunday	31 Jno. Cas. Schade	1 Cor. 10: 11: 1	9 41	♋ 7	Altair south 11 2	6 4	56 7	4 5	31

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	4th, 12 o'clock, 15 min., afternoon
Full Moon,	11th, 9 " 12 " morning.
Last Quarter,	18th, 12 " 32 " "
New Moon,	26th, 12 " 18 " "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, warm; 3, 4, warmest days; 5, thunder; 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, showers; 11, 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, 16, clear; 17, 18, 19, showers; 20, cloudy; 21, 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, thunder showers; 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, sultry; 31 thunder showers,



OUR FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE.

In 1838 our first Board of Foreign Missions was organized, but we had neither field nor missionary of our own. Rev. Dr. Benjamin Schneider was sent and mainly supported by the American Board of Foreign Missions. Rev. O. J. Lohr has long been in India, but was sent and is supported by the German Evangelical Missionary Society of the United States.

From 1838 to 1860 our Church yearly sent small sums of money to the American Board; but from 1860 to 1875 we did nothing. Within the last five years a little interest has been awakened, and a fair beginning has been made. We now have a field, Japan, and a missionary in it, Rev. Ambrose D. Gring.

WHAT WE HOPE TO DO.

1. To send out more missionaries.
2. To educate Japanese here for the ministry.
3. To have many converts.
4. To train up a generation of young people deeply interested in this holy work.

Even if we are a small Church (here in the United States), if we have been slow to take up this work, and if we have only one ordained

missionary in the foreign field,—we must not think of keeping on doing so little.

WHAT NOW IS OUR DUTY?

1. *To have and to cultivate a hearty interest in this work.* Every Christian should feel that the conversion of the world depends in part upon himself personally.

2. *Pray for it.* All earnest desire expresses itself in prayer. Pray for our missionary. Pray for more to go. Pray for a great and general missionary revival in our Church.

3. *Read and study about it.* We should understand what we are praying for. Read in books and papers all you can find on Foreign Missions in general, and about Japan in particular. Much you will find in the Church papers. This awakens interest, and our hearts are drawn to the work.

4. *Awaken interest in others.* Use your influence with them. Bring them into the missionary meeting. Talk about it wherever you go.

5. *Pay toward it.* Paying and praying must always balance. Give not the odds and ends of your money, the bits and crumbs of your earnings, but something worthy of the holy Saviour and His holy work.

THREE OBJECTIONS ANSWERED.

1. "*We have heathen at home; better convert them first,*" you say.

But if the Apostles had acted on this principle they never would have got outside of Palestine. Paul would never have answered the Macedonian call. Our fathers of Germany and Holland would never have sent the gospel to America. This objection is not of Christian love.

2. *But why send ministers to Japan, when we cannot supply our own Western States?*

Souls in Japan are just as precious as those here, and just as needy. "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." The Apostles did not wait for full fruits in one place before planting elsewhere. Mission fields in our own land have always had the gospel. Japan has not had it, and so has special claim upon us.

3. *Doing so much for Foreign Missions takes money and activity from Home Missions.*

Not a bit. Indeed, it has just the opposite effect. It is a noted fact, that those denominations and congregations that do most for Foreign Mis-

AUGUST,

8th Month, 31 Days.

1881.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S Place.	Moon's Place.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. rises.	Sun sets.	Sun sets.	HIGH WATER. Phila.
			h. m. s.	a.		m. h. m.	h. m. h.	m. h. m.	h. m.
Monday	1 Maccabees	1 Cor. 11: 2	10 11	21	♀ rises 1 41	6 4	5 7	7 3	6 17
Tuesday	2 Mart. under Nero	" 12: 1-30	10 47	5	2d. ♀ rises 11 0	6 4	5 8	7 2	7 7
Wednesday	3 Wm. Thorp	" 12: 31-13	11 21	18	♂ Sirius rises 4 34	6 4	5 9	7 1	7 57
Thursday	4 Leonard Käser	" 14:	morn.	3	♂ ♀ rises 11 11	6 5	0 7	0 8	4 44
Friday	5 Salzbg' Evang.	" 15: 1-34	12 1	17	♂ rises 4 16	6 5	1 6	5 9	9 33
Saturday	6 Transfiguration	" 15: 35-16	1 4	2	♂. ♀ gr. Elon. West	6 5	2 6	5 8	10 29
32] 8th Sunday after Trinity, Matt. 7: 15-21; Rom. 8: 12-17. Day's Length, 13 hours, 54 min.									
Sunday	7 Nonna	Acts 19: 11-20: 1	2 12	16	♂ rises 11 26	5 5	3 6	5 7	11 24
Monday	8 Hormisdas	2 Cor. 1: 1-22	3 25	1	♂ Neptune	5 5	4 6	5 6	12 20
Tuesday	9 Numidicus	" 1: 23-2	♂ rise	15	9th. ♀ in per.	5 5	5 6	5 5	1 16
Wednesday	10 Laurentius	" 3: 4: 1-6	7 12	29	♀ rises 1 43	5 5	6 6	5 4	1 52
Thursday	11 Greg. of Utrecht	" 4: 7-5: 10	7 42	13	7* rises 10 50	5 5	7 6	5 3	2 40
Friday	12 An. of Havelberg	" 5: 11; 6: 7: 1	8 9	26	♂ in ♀. Wega south 9 5	5 5	9 6	5 1	3 31
Saturday	13 C't. Zinzendorf	" 7: 2	8 40	10	Orion rises 1 51	5 5	10 6	5 0	4 16
33] 9th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 16: 1-9; 1 Cor. 10: 1-13. Day's Length, 13 hours, 38 min.									
Sunday	14 James Guthrie	2 Cor. 8:	9 9	23	♂ rises 10 40	4 5	11 6	4 9	4 56
Monday	15 Ass'n V. Mary	" 9:	9 46	5	♂ ♀ rises 10 19	4 5	12 6	4 8	5 42
Tuesday	16 John of Saxony	" 10:	10 21	17	16th. ♀ ♀ in per.	4 5	13 6	4 7	6 31
Wednesday	17 John Gerhard	" 11:	11 2	29	♂ ♀ rises 11 12	4 5	15 6	4 5	8 12
Thursday	18 Hugo Grotius	" 12: 1-18	morn.	11	♂ rises 11 12	4 5	15 6	4 5	8 12
Friday	19 Sebaldus	" 12: 19-13	12 10	23	♀ rises 1 46	3 5	17 6	4 3	8 56
Saturday	20 Bernard of Clair	Acts 20: 1-13	1 15	5	♂. ♀ ♀. Neptune stationary.	3 5	18 6	4 2	9 42
34] 10th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 19: 41-47; 1 Cor. 12: 1-11. Day's Length, 13 hours, 22 min.									
Sunday	21 1st Morv. Mission	Rem. 1: 1-17	2 20	17	♂ rises 10 12	3 5	19 6	4 1	10 30
Monday	22 Symphorianus	" 1: 18-31	3 26	29	♂ in apo. ♀ rises 9 58	3 5	20 6	4 0	11 25
Tuesday	23 Gasp. de Cologne	" 2:	4 28	11	♂ enters ♀	2 5	21 6	3 9	12 21
Wednesday	24 Bartholomew	" 3:	♂ sets	24	24th. ♀ ♀	2 5	23 6	3 7	1 17
Thursday	25 Louis IX.	" 4:	6 56	7	♂ stationary	2 5	24 6	3 6	2 27
Friday	26 Ulfilas	" 5: 1-11	7 25	20	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	2 5	25 6	3 5	3 35
Saturday	27 Jovinian	" 5: 12-21	7 56	4	♂ rises 10 58	1 5	26 6	3 4	4 33
35] 11th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 18: 9-14; 1 Cor. 15: 1-11. Day's Length, 13 hours, 6 min.									
Sunday	28 Aug. of Hippo	Rom. 6:	8 30	17	Dog Days End	1 5	27 6	3 3	5 21
Monday	29 St. John Baptist	" 7:	9 12	1	♀ rises 1 57	1 5	29 6	3 1	6 10
Tuesday	30 Claud of Turin	" 8: 1-15	10 2	16	♂ rises 9 42	1 5	30 6	3 0	6 56
Wednesday	31 Aidan	" 8: 16-39	10 56	0	♂ ♀ ♀ Superior	0 5	31 6	2 9	7 45

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 2d, 11 o'clock, 41 min. evening.
 Full Moon, 9th, 4 " 5 " afternoon.
 Last Quarter, 16th, 11 " 56 " forenoon.
 New Moon, 24th, 3 " 44 " afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, showers; 9, 10, 11, clear; 12, 13, showers; 14, 15, 16, mostly clear; 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, 21, variable, with showers; 22, clear; 23, 24, warm; 25, 26, thunder showers; 27, 28, 29, clear; 30, 31, cloudy.



The best medicine for the sick is a pleasant face, cheerful words and quiet ways.

OUR FOREIGN MISSION WORK.—continued.

sions, do most for Home Missions. And the reverse is equally true.

The reflex influence of Foreign Missions, the effect upon ourselves, is very marked. We think of the work too much as something done to the heathen, whereas we are all the while powerfully acting upon ourselves. In Foreign Missions we realize the catholicity of Christianity as nowhere else. We develop and strengthen our own faith in God and our love to our neighbor. And, seeing their need of salvation, we study and better understand our own need of it. All this broadens and deepens the missionary spirit and makes us do more at home. Missionary work means: preparing the world for the second coming of Christ. What else should so interest a Christian?

DO YOU VOTE?

Once a year your congregation holds an election for officers. Do you go and vote?

Voting is one of the highest privileges of full membership. Voting is taking part in the administration, ordering and governing of Christ's kingdom, and must not be neglected. If you neglect to vote, and things go wrong, you are accountable for the wrong. If you neglect to vote, and the election does not suit you, you have no right to say a word. Or, you say to the rest, "As you make it, I will be satisfied." But is not this the spirit of sinful indifference?

Congregational elections are often a pitiful sight. Sometimes the election is held on Sunday. This ought not to be. But when it is held on a week-day, how few attend! Men will give a whole day to a civil election, but not one hour to a Church election. Does this not show how little real interest is taken in Church work? The election of officers is an important matter in congregational life, and should never be controlled by a few votes. Sometimes thirty members, yes, even less than a dozen members, hold an election in a large congregation. All this is wrong, inexcusable and hurtful. No Christian can afford to lose his vote by such neglect. He dishonors his membership.

CHURCH MOORINGS.

An old sea captain was riding in the cars, and a young man sat down beside him. He said, "Young man, where are you going?"

"I am going to Philadelphia to live."

"Have you letters of introduction?"

"Yes," said the young man, and he pulled some of them out.

"Well," said the old sea captain, "have you a church certificate?"




"Oh, yes," replied the young man; "I didn't suppose you wanted to look at that."

"Yes," said the sea captain, "I want to see that. As soon as you get to Philadelphia, present that to some Christian Church. I am an old sailor, and I have been up and down in the world, and it's my rule, as soon as I get into port, to fasten my ship fore and aft to the wharf, although it may cost a little wharfage, rather than have my ship out in the stream, floating hither and thither with the tide."








SEPTEMBER,

9th Month, 30 Days.








1881.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. Sun fs. rises.	Sun Sets. m. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1 Hanna	Rom. 9: 1-13	11 40	 14	1st. ♀ rises 2 1 ☾	05 32	6 28	8 32
Friday	2 Mamas	" 9: 14-33	morn.	 28	♂ rises 10 49 ☾	15 33	6 27	9 16
Saturday	3 Hildegarde	" 10:	12 44	 12	♂ rises 9 32	15 35	6 25	9 56








36] 12th Sunday after Trinity, Mark 7: 31-37; 2 Cor. 3: 4-11. Day's Length, 12 hours, 48 min.

Sunday	4 Ida	Rom. 11:	1 56	 26	♂ rises 9 48	15 36	6 24	10 42
Monday	5 John Mollie	" 12:	3 6	 10	♂ ☿ 7* rises 9 16	15 37	6 23	11 34
Tuesday	6 Martin Weibel	" 13:	4 16	 24	♂ in per. Sirius ris. 2 38	25 39	6 21	12 26
Wednesday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 14:	♂ rise	 8	7th. Orion rises 12 21	25 40	6 20	1 14
Thursday	8 Corbinian	" 15: 1-13	6 24	 21	♂ Spica sets 7 36	25 41	6 19	1 55
Friday	9 Lorigi Paschall	" 15: 14-33	6 54	 5	Wega south 7 24	35 43	6 17	2 42
Saturday	10 Paul Separatus	" 16:	7 26	 18	♀ rises 2 12	35 44	6 16	3 31







37] 13th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 10: 23-27; Gal. 3: 16-22. Day's Length, 12 hours, 30 min.

Sunday	11 John Brenz	Acts 20:	8 8	 1	♂ rises 9 25	45 45	6 15	4 15
Monday	12 Diony's Peloq'n	" 21:	8 46	 13	♂ ♀ ♄. ♄ rises 8 49	45 47	6 13	4 55
Tuesday	13 Wm. Farel	" 22: 23:	9 30	 25	♂ ♀ ♄. ♄ in ♄.	45 48	6 12	5 43
Wednesday	14 Cyprian	" 24: 25:	10 5	 7	♄ stationary	55 49	6 11	6 31
Thursday	15 Av. v. Grumb'h	" 26:	10 50	 19	15th. ♄. ♄ ♄ ♄.	55 50	6 10	7 20
Friday	16 Euphemia	" 27:	11 46	 1	♄ rises 10 39 ☾	55 52	6 8	8 10
Saturday	17 Lambert	" 28:	morn.	 13	7* rises 8 34	65 53	6 7	8 51

38] 14th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 17: 11-19; Gal. 5: 16-24. Day's Length, 12 hours, 12 min.

Sunday	18 A.G. Spangenberg	Eph. 1: 1-14	12 40	 25	♄ in apo. Altair so. 8 2	65 54	6 6	9 40
Monday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	" 1: 15; 2: 1-1	1 39	 7	♄ rises 9 0	65 56	6 4	10 31
Tuesday	20 Magdal. Luther	" 2: 11-3	2 39	 19	♄ ♀ ♄. ♄ rises 2 35	75 57	6 3	11 14
Wednesday	21 Emberday	" 4: 1-17	3 41	 2	♄ ☿. Rigel ris. 11 42	75 59	6 1	11 56
Thursday	22 Mauritius	" 4: 18	4 44	 15	☿ enters ♄. Day and Night Equal.	76 06	0 12	40
Friday	23 Mart. of Genoa	" 5: 6: 1-9	♄ sets	 29	23d. Autumn commences	86 15	59 1	25
Saturday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	" 6: 10:	6 18	 13	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ ris. 8 19	86 25	58 2	6

39] 15th Sunday after Trinity, Matt. 6: 24-34; Gal. 5: 25; 6: 10. Day's Length, 11 hours, 54 min.

Sunday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	Colos. 1:	6 51	 27	♄ rises 10 26	86 35	57 2	48
Monday	26 Lioba	" 2: 3: 1-4	7 33	 12	Antares sets 8 32	96 45	56 3	36
Tuesday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 3: 5-4	8 18	 26	♀ rises 2 50	96 65	54 4	18
Wednesday	28 A. Clarenbach	Philemon	9 12	 10	♄ rises 8 35	96 75	53 5	9
Thursday	29 St. Michael	Philip 1: 1-26	10 14	 24	♄. ♄ in Aph. ☾	106 85	52 5	49
Friday	30 Jerome	" 1: 27-2:	11 21	 8	30th. Sirius ris. 1 12	106 105	50 6	36

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	1st,	9 o'clock,	1 min.,	morning.
Full Moon,	7th,	11 "	38 "	evening.
Last Quarter,	15th,	3 "	0 "	morning.
New Moon,	23d,	6 "	53 "	morning.
First Quarter,	30th,	4 "	47 "	evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, thunder; 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, showers; 11, 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, 16, warm; 17, 18, showers; 19, 20, clear; 21, 22, warm; 23, 24, rain; 25, 26, 27, clear, fair; 28, 29, 30, variable.



We go our ways in life too much alone;
We hold ourselves too far from all our kind;
Too often we are deaf to sigh or moan,
Too often to the weak and helpless blind;
Too often where distress and want abide,
We turn and pass upon the other side.

THE MISSION HOUSE IN WISCONSIN.

From the last report of the officers of the Mission House, at Sheboygan, Wis., we gather the following interesting items:—

In the last year a new edifice was erected, thirty by forty feet, the money for which, \$1,500, was collected in advance. During the last year thirteen brethren were sent out to labor in the service of the Church. These have found fields of labor in Wisconsin, Iowa, Ohio, Tennessee, New York and Oregon. Altogether eighty-two ministers have studied in the Mission House, and these are now scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. One is now preaching to the Indians.

"PLAYING AT MISSIONS."

The venerable Dr. Duff, before the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in Scotland, said with a tearful tenderness, but with vehement earnestness, "*The Church is playing at missions!*"

An American Presbyterian minister, speaking of this, says:—"Facts go to prove that our American Church, if not *trifling* with this tremendous issue of a world's evangelization, is, at least, not in dead earnest in the matter. Figures are facts, often of great weight, and figures tell heavily against us. The last Annual Report of our Foreign Missionary operations showed, as the aggregate receipts, from a membership of 574,000, to be but \$427,000! And this is our "*grand total!*"

This is less than seventy-five cents per member, for a year's work among a thousand millions of unsaved souls!

What now may one say of our own Church, in regard to Foreign Missions?

Let nothing harsh be said; for what is past is past, painful and humiliating as it is. And may God in mercy forgive us!

But now that we are taking a new start in the great work, let us all take part; let us work very earnestly, both in alms and prayers, and do it through all the years that are to come.

HUMILITY.

If thou art a vessel of gold, and thy brother but of wood, be not high-minded; it is God that maketh thee to differ. The more bounty God shows, the more humility He requires. Those mines that are richest are deepest; those stars that are highest seem smallest; the goodliest buildings have the lowest foundation. The more God honoreth men, the more they should humble themselves; the more fruit, the lower the branch on which it grows. Pride is ever the companion of emptiness. Oh, how full was the apostle, yet how low was his language of himself!—least of all saints, last of all apostles, chief of sinners; no sufficiency to think, no abilities to do; all that he is, he is by Divine grace.—*Selected.*

"Are you a professor of religion, my little fellow?" asked a lady of her pastor's six-year-old boy, recently. "No, ma'am," was the little boy's prompt response; "I'm only the Professor's son!"

OCTOBER,

10th Month, 31 Days.

1881.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	Sun h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 Remigius	Philip 3: 4:	morn.	 22	♂ rises 3 19	10 6	11 5	49	7 24
40] 16th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 7: 11-17; Eph. 3: 13-21. Day's Length, 11 hours, 36 min.									
Sunday	2 Chr. Schmid.	1 Tim. 1:	12 30	 6	♂ rises 10 13	11 6	12 5	48	8 30
Monday	3 Thetwo Ewaldes	" 2:	1 39	 20	♂ rises 8 18	11 6	14 5	46	9 36
Tuesday	4 Franciscus	" 3:	2 49	 4	♂ in per. Sirius ris. 12 57	11 6	15 5	45	10 39
Wednesday	5 Petro Carnesec	" 3: 14-4: 10	3 50	 17	Orion rises 10 37	12 6	16 5	44	11 33
Thursday	6 Henry Albert	" 4: 11-5: 16	4 52	 0	Fomal south 10 2	12 6	18 5	42	12 28
Friday	7 Theodore Beza	" 5: 17	♂ rise	 13	7th. Antares sets 7 52	12 6	19 5	41	1 21
Saturday	8 Rob't of Lincoln	" 6:	5 53	 26	♂ rises 7 0	12 6	20 5	40	2 11
41] 17th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 14: 1-11; Eph. 4: 1-6. Day's Length, 11 hours, 18 min.									
Sunday	9 Dionysius Areo	Titus 1:	6 30	 9	♂ ♀ h. ♀ rises 3 39	13 6	21 5	39	2 59
Monday	10 Justus Jonas	" 2:	7 29	 21	♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ rises 7 58	13 6	23 5	37	3 47
Tuesday	11 Ulrich Zwingli	" 3:	8 14	 3	Regulus rises 10 31	13 6	24 5	36	4 35
Wednesday	12 Henry Bullinger	2 Tim. 1:	9 12	 15	Altair south 6 36	13 6	25 5	35	5 24
Thursday	13 Elizabeth Fry	" 2:	10 14	 27	♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ rises 10 2	14 6	27 5	33	6 12
Friday	14 Nich. Ridley	" 3:	11 16	 9	14th. ♀. Andromeda south 10 33	14 6	28 5	32	6 52
Saturday	15 Aurelia	" 4:	morn.	 21	♂ sets 6 30	14 6	29 5	31	7 40
42] 18th Sunday after Trinity, Matt. 22: 34-46; 1 Cor. 1: 4-9. Day's Length, 10 hours, 58 min.									
Sunday	16 Gallus	Heb. 1:	12 18	 3	♂ in apo. ♀ gr. Elon. East	14 6	31 5	29	8 21
Monday	17 Rv. Edict of Nan.	" 2:	1 20	 15	♀ in Perihelion	15 6	32 5	28	9 12
Tuesday	18 St. Luke, Ev.	" 3: 4:	2 29	 27	♂ rises 7 27	15 6	33 5	27	9 58
Wednesday	19 Bruno	" 5:	3 32	 10	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	15 6	35 5	25	10 46
Thursday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi.	" 6:	4 34	 24	♂ ♀. ♀ rises 4 11	15 6	36 5	24	11 34
Friday	21 Hilarion	" 7:	5 40	 8	Rigel rises 10 1	15 6	37 5	23	12 29
Saturday	22 Hedwig	" 8:	♂ sets	 22	22d. ☉ enters m.	15 6	38 5	22	1 13
43] 19th Sunday after Trinity, Matt. 9: 1-8; Eph. 4: 17-32. Day's Length, 10 hours, 42 min.									
Sunday	23 Henry Martin	Heb. 9: 1-14	5 46	 6	7* south 1 51	16 6	39 5	21	1 59
Monday	24 Arethas	" 9: 15	6 40	 22	♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ rises 9 48	16 6	41 5	19	2 46
Tuesday	25 John Herz	" 10: 1-18	7 42	 6	Sirius rises 11 40	16 6	42 5	18	3 33
Wednesday	26 Frederick III.	" 10: 19-39	8 39	 21	♂ rises 7 1	16 6	43 5	17	4 17
Thursday	27 Frumentius	" 11:	9 35	 5	♀ rises 4 19	16 6	44 5	16	4 58
Friday	28 Simon and Jude	" 12:	10 32	 19	♀ stationary	16 6	46 5	14	5 46
Saturday	29 Alfred the Great	" 13:	11 29	 3	29th. ♀. Markab south 8 44	16 6	47 5	13	6 33
44] 4th Sunday before Advent, Matt. 9: 18-26; Col. 1: 9-14. Day's Length, 10 hours 24 min.									
Sunday	30 Jacob Sturm	John 21: 1-23	morn.	 16	Orion rises 9 4	16 6	48 5	12	7 35
Monday	31 Fest. of Reform'n	1 " 1: 2:	12 14	 1	♂ in per. Regulus rises 9 14	16 6	49 5	11	8 38

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 7th, 8 o'clock, 58 min., morning.
 Last Quarter, 14th, 9 " 25 " evening.
 New Moon, 22d, 9 " 30 " evening.
 First Quarter, 29th, 11 " 46 " evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, cloudy; 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, cloudy, rainy; 8, 9, 10, clear; 11, 12, 13, cloudy, cold; 14, 15, rain; 16, 17, clear; 18, 19, 20, moderate; 21, 22, cloudy; 23, rain; 24, 25, 26, mostly clear; 27, 28, 29, variable; 30, 31, clear.



A big boy who collars a little fellow is always a coward, and often gets whipped. This is true all through life. "I can whip you," said a strong boy to a weak one. "I can beat you ciphering," was the brave answer.

WHAT CAME OF A QUARREL.

Fifty years ago two gangs of workmen in a Belgian coal mine had a quarrel, and one party made a fire so as to smoke the other out. The coal in the mine took fire, and has been burning to this day, for men have not been able to extinguish it. "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!"

This often happens. From a little quarrel about a little thing, a little fire is kindled in a family, or in a congregation, which burns and spreads, and burns through years, till peace and love and prosperity are quite gone. What a pity! What a sin! What folly!

THE HOUSE OF OBED-EDOM.

The Lord blessed it, because of the Ark of God. How the Ark came to be with Obed-edom is told in 2 Sam. 6: 2-15.

The beautiful lesson of this incident is, that the sacred things of God are a blessing to those who have them under roof.

If the Ark, the symbol of God's presence among men, was a blessing to Obed-edom, then much more are the servants of God a blessing to those who show them favor.

Laban, begging Jacob to stay with him yet longer, said: "The Lord hath blessed me for thy sake" (Gen. 30: 27). And Moses tells us that the blessing of God was upon all that Pharaoh had, in house and field, for Joseph's sake (Gen. 39: 5).

So of Christian hospitality. We, as did Abraham, may entertain angels unawares (Heb. 13: 2), and sometimes knowingly.

To-day the Lord blesses every true Obed-edom, who shelters the Ark or the servant of the Lord. No wonder then, in this view, that our congregations vie with each other for the entertainment of Synod or Classis, and families also for the company of pastors.

IS IT WASTE?

Many people to-day yet are like Judas. Seeing the precious ointment poured upon the holy head of the dear Redeemer, they think it is wasted.

When a great offering is laid on the altar of God for the spread of His kingdom, they call it thrown away—lost.

Alas, what a mistake! What we spend on self, and much that we invest in earthly things—this is lost. But what we put into the Lord's treasury, what we invest in His everlasting work, this is sure to us, and safe. See 1 Tim. 6: 17-19.


























How unwise many of God's children are! So long as their money is in stocks, shops, ships, fields and stores, bringing in a visible per cent.,—this they call prosperity, and they are happy.

But to put a tenth, or any reasonable amount, into God's hand; into the work of Missions, Beneficiary Education, Orphans' Homes, etc., where God has promised a sure return (though often invisible to unbelieving eyes),—this they call waste! "Be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

NOVEMBER,

11th Month, 30 Days.

1881.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Tuesday	1 All Saints	1 John 3:	1 39		♂ ♀ rises 4 32	166	51 5	9 9	39
Wednesday	2 Victorinus	" 4:	2 49		♂ rises 9 24	166	52 5	8 10	37
Thursday	3 Pirminus	" 5:	3 59		Sirius rises 11 2	166	53 5	7 11	30
Friday	4 John A. Bengel	2 John	5 20		Orion rises 8 44	166	54 5	6 12	25
Saturday	5 Hans Egede	3 John	rise		♂ 5th. ♀ 11 42	166	55 5	5 1	19
45] 3d Sunday before Advent Matt. 24: 15-28; 1 Thess. 4: 13-18. Day's Length, 10 hours, 8 min.									
Sunday	6 Gustav. Adolph's	Rev. 1:	5 20		♂ ♀ 2. ♀ south 12 2	166	56 5	4 1	59
Monday	7 Willibrord	" 2:	6 8		♂ Neptune ☾	166	57 5	3 2	47
Tuesday	8 Willehad	" 3:	7 10		♂ ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	166	58 5	2 3	32
Wednesday	9 John v. Staupitz	" 4; 5; 6:	8 9		♀ rises 4 51	166	59 5	1 4	14
Thursday	10 Martin Luther	" 7; 8; 9; 1-12	9 7		♂ ♀ 8. ♀ rises 9 0	167	0 5	0 5	4
Friday	11 Martin of Tours	" 9: 13-10, 11;	10 6		Fomal south 7 44	167	14 59	5 49	
Saturday	12 Phil. de Mornay	" 12: 13:	11 5		♂ in Perihelion	167	34 57	6 37	
46] 2d Sunday before Advent, Matt. 25: 31-46; 2 Thes. 3: 1-10. Day's Length, 9 hours, 52 min.									
Sunday	13 Arcadius	Rev. 14: 1-13	morn.		13th. ♀ in apo. ♀ 2. ♀	167	44 56	7 25	
Monday	14 Pet. Mart. Vern	" 14: 14-20	12 3		Andromeda south 8 42	157	54 55	8 15	
Tuesday	15 John Kepler	" 15:	1 4		♂ south 11 6	157	64 54	8 59	
Wednesday	16 Casp. Creuziger	" 16: 1-8	2 16		♀ stationary	157	74 53	9 47	
Thursday	17 Bernward	" 16: 9-21	3 11		♂ stationary	157	84 52	10 35	
Friday	18 Greg. Illuminat.	" 17:	4 10		♂ rises 8 40	157	84 52	11 17	
Saturday	19 Elizab. of Hesse	" 18:	5 4		♂ ♀ ♀ rises 5 21	147	94 51	11 59	
47] 1st Sunday before Advent, Matt. 25: 1-13; 2 Pet. 3: 3-14. Day's Length, 9 hours, 40 min.									
Sunday	20 John Williams	Rev. 19: 1-10	5 59		♂ ♀ 8. ♀ south 11 36	147	104 50	12 40	
Monday	21 Columbanus	" 19: 11-20: 1-3	rise		21st. ♀	147	114 49	1 21	
Tuesday	22 John Oecolampadius	" 20: 4-15	5 53		♂ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ☾ enters	147	124 48	2 8	
Wednesday	23 Clemens Roman	" 21: 1-8	6 55		♂ south 10 40	137	134 47	2 51	
Thursday	24 John Knox	" 21: 9-22	8 8		♂ gr. Elon. West	137	144 46	3 40	
Friday	25 Catharine	Psalm 96	9 25		♂ in per. ♀ rises 6 30	137	154 45	4 31	
Saturday	26 Conrad	" 145	10 32		♀ rises 5 34	127	154 45	5 17	
48] 1st Sunday in Advent, Matt. 21: 8-11; Rom. 13: 11-14. Day's Length, 9 hours, 28 min.									
Sunday	27 Marg't Blaurer	John 1: 1-14	11 40		♂ rises 8 18	127	164 44	5 59	
Monday	28 Alex. Roussel	Gen. 2: 4-25	morn.		28th. ♀ so. 11 12	127	174 43	6 47	
Tuesday	29 Satarinus	Matt. 19: 1-12	12 41		Arietis south 9 35	117	184 42	7 35	
Wednesday	30 St. Andrew	Eph. 5: 22-33	4 42		Altair sets 9 50	117	184 42	8 23	

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	5th, 9 o'clock, 1 min., evening
Last Quarter,	13th, 5 " 9 " "
New Moon,	21st, 11 " 20 " forenoon.
First Quarter,	28th, 7 " 0 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, rain and snow; 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, 9, rain; 10, 11, 12, clear, cold; 13, 14, 15, moderate; 16, 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, variable; 21, 22, rain and snow; 23, 24, 25, clear; 26, 27, variable, 28, 29, 30, clear, pleasant.

(♄.) Saturn is the 1st in opposition with the Sun, and shines all night.

(♃.) Jupiter is the 13th in opposition with the Sun, and shines all night.



"HE IS NOT AN ELDER NOW."

So one said about another, an old man who had long been in the Consistory, but who at the time was not in.

Many people think that a man not in the Consistory is not in the office; but this is a great mistake. A minister may not have a charge, but yet he is truly a minister. So with an elder or a deacon. Ordination sets a man in office for life, but installation sets him to active work in a particular congregation. An elder has not lost his office because his term has expired. He still is elder, though not in the active duties of his office.

It is told of a Christian mother, that she had a little room of her own, where on a stand the great family Bible always stood open; and when work pressed hard and children were untoward, or when sickness threatened,—when the skeins of life were all crossways and tangled,—she went quietly to that room, and through faith and prayer took hold of a warm, healing invisible hand, that made the crooked straight, and rough places plain.

CHRONOLOGY.

The common reckoning of time, which counts this present year as *Anno Domini*, or, "in the year of our Lord," 1881, is in fact the chronology as determined by Dionysius Exiguus, of the sixth century, who regarded the birth of Christ as occurring in the year of Rome 754, and hence made that year A. D. 1. But Herod the Great, who slew the infants in Bethlehem, died before the Passover (April) A. U. C. 750 (A. U. C.=*Anno Urbis Condite*, "in the year of the founding of the city," Rome); or four years before the date fixed by Dionysius. The narrative shows that Jesus was born before Herod's death; and if only a few months before that event, it must, therefore, have been early in A. U. C. 750, or B. C. 4, that is, 1885 years ago. It was perhaps, as early as December, B. C. 5. Dr. Schaff has placed the two modes of reckoning thus:—

JESUS BORN.					OUR DATE.				
[Supposed] Year of World, 4000	4001	4002	4003	4004	4005				
Year of Rome, 749	750	751	752	753	754				
Year of Christ, 5	4	3	2	1	1 A.D.				

Fixing the date near the close of A. U. C. 749, would make the common era 4 years, not 5 years, too late.

Treat your minister fairly. Pay what you owe him. Do what you promise to him. In everything follow the golden rule. If anything serious is wrong, tell him frankly, but kindly. Visit him, but do not stay long. Give him gifts, but very quietly. Judge him generously. Be merciful in your demands and expectations. Pray for him both in private and in public.

Some members think that they need not support the congregation ("pay the preacher," as they say), if they do not like the minister. Every citizen is in duty bound to support the State, whether he likes the Governor or not. Is not the same law true and good in the Church?

Some people, when asked to help to build churches for mission congregations in the West, say: "Let them do there as we do here, pay it themselves." But you forget that many of these Western people helped to build the very churches in which you worship.

DECEMBER,

12th Month, 31 Days.

1881.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. rises m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1 Eligius	1 Cor. 7:	2 49		20 ♀ rises 5 42	117 19 4	41 9 26	
Friday	2 John Ruysbruck	Gen. 3:	3 59		2 ♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ south 10 6	107 19 4	41 10 25	
Saturday	3 Gerhard Groot	" 8: 15-9: 17	5 14		14 ♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ south 10 49	107 20 4	40 11 23	
49] 2d Sunday in Advent, Luke 21: 25-33; Rom. 15: 4-13. Day's Length, 9 hours, 20 min.								
Sunday	4 Gerh. v. Zutphen	Acts 17: 15-34	6 29		26 Sirius rises 8 54	107 20 4	40 12 21	
Monday	5 Crispin	Gen. 15:	7 rise		8 5th. Altair sets 9 24	97 21 4	39 1 18	
Tuesday	6 Nicholas	Deut. 5:	5 41		20 ♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ 7* south 10 48	97 21 4	39 1 59	
Wednesday	7 Paulus Odontius	Exodus 12:	6 46		2 ♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ rises 7 29	87 22 4	38 2 47	
Thursday	8 Mart. Rinkard	Deut. 27:	7 42		13 Fomal sets 9 57	87 22 4	38 3 35	
Friday	9 Benj. Schmolk	Romans 7:	8 39		25 Regulus rises 10 13	77 23 4	37 4 23	
Saturday	10 Paul Eber	Leviticus 16:	9 37		7 ☐ ✕ ☉. ♀ rises 5 53	77 23 4	37 5 13	
50] 3d Sunday in Advent, Matt. 11: 2-10; 1 Cor. 4: 1-5. Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.								
Sunday	11 Hen. v. Zutphen	Is. 40: John 5:	10 36		19 ♀ in apo. ♀ south 9 36	67 24 4	36 6 6	
Monday	12 Vicelin	1 Pet. 1: 3-12	11 39		1 ♀ south 10 14	67 24 4	36 6 50	
Tuesday	13 Odilia	2 Samuel 7:	morn.		14 13th. Markab sets 12 25	57 24 4	36 7 39	
Wednesday	14 Dioscorus	Joel 3:	12 43		27 ☾ Spica rises 2 26	57 25 4	35 8 27	
Thursday	15 Christiana	Jeremiah 23:	1 40		10 ♂ rises 6 30	57 25 4	35 9 14	
Friday	16 Adelheid	" 31:	2 41		23 ♀ in ☿. Orion ris. 5 48	47 25 4	35 9 57	
Saturday	17 Sturm	Isa. 52: 13-53	3 40		7 Rigel south 11 27	47 25 4	35 10 45	
51] 4th Sunday in Advent, John 1: 19-34; Phil. 4: 4-7. Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.								
Sunday	18 Louis v. Seckendorf	John 3: 23-36	4 39		22 Regulus rises 9 30	37 25 4	35 11 33	
Monday	19 Clemens Alexandrinus	Isaiah 42:	5 28		7 ♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ rises 6 1	37 25 4	35 12 10	
Tuesday	20 Abraham	" 49:	6 35		22 ☿. ♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ so. 9 40	27 25 4	35 12 50	
Wednesday	21 Emberday	" 55:	7 sets		8 21st. ☉ enters ♄ Shortest Day.	27 26 4	34 1 33	
Thursday	22 Hugh McKail	" 58:	6 41		23 ☾ Winter Commences ☾	17 25 4	35 2 18	
Friday	23 Anna du Bourg	" 60:	7 56		8 ♀ in per. ☿ stationary	17 25 4	35 2 59	
Saturday	24 Adam and Eve	" 11: 1-10	9 9		22 ♀ south 8 1	17 25 4	35 3 47	
52] Christmas Sunday, John 1: 1-14; Heb. 1: 1-12. Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.								
Sunday	25 Christmas	Isa. 9: 2-7; Heb. 1	10 18		7 7* south 9 25	07 25 4	35 4 35	
Monday	26 Stephen	Psalm 2: 110:	11 24		20 ♀ in Aphelion	17 25 4	35 5 23	
Tuesday	27 St. John Evang.	Isaiah 41:	morn.		3 27th. ☿ ☿ ☉	17 25 4	35 6 18	
Wednesday	28 Innocents	" 49:	12 28		16 ♀ south 12 39	27 25 4	35 6 58	
Thursday	29 David	Rom. 8:	1 29		29 ♂ ♀ ♀	27 24 4	36 7 45	
Friday	30 Christ'n Wurtemb'g	1 Cor. 8: 1-6	2 31		11 ♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ south 8 59	37 24 4	36 8 34	
Saturday	31 John Wiclif	Psalm 90: 103:	3 29		23 Sirius rises 6 57	37 24 4	36 9 16	

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 5th, 12 o'clock, 12 min. afternoon.
 Last Quarter, 13th, 3 " 3 " "
 New Moon, 21st, 12 " 6 " morning.
 First Quarter, 27th, 3 " 40 " afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, variable; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, clear; 7, 8, 9, cold;
 10, 11, 12, fair; 13, 14, 15, moderate; 16, 17, cloudy;
 18, 19, 20, variable; 21, 22, snow; 23, 24, cloudy; 25,
 26, 27, cold; 28, 29, cloudy with snow; 30, 31, fair, clear.

(♂.) Mars is the 17th in opposition with the Sun, and shines with its red brilliancy all night.



Reading and thinking, like eating and digesting, must go together. Some gulp down book after book, without much profit. Read a book carefully, and make its thoughts your own.

USE YOUR HYMN BOOK.

So many members have not hymn books, and so many who have do not use them in public worship. This is inexcusable, and much more sinful than men generally suppose. Do you not care to worship God? Every member should have a hymn book and use it in church. So often the men sit and listen, just as if they were not expected to join in public worship; and even devout women let the choir praise the Lord for them.

DOES FATHER PRAY?

One evening, after John arose from his knees, he said: "Ma, when I get to be a man, I won't have to pray, will I?" "Yes, dear," said the mother; "you will always have to pray to God." "Well, father doesn't pray, and he is a man."

Keeping the mouth shut is a Christian grace—one which is too little cultivated.

THE CHURCH'S WATCH.

I.

Is the Bridegroom absent still?
Watch thou, then, O faithful Bride;
Watch and pray,
Till the day
When the Bridegroom to thy side
Shall in love and glory come
To find with thee His throne and home;
Not to depart again,
Nor leave thee in thy widowhood,
In darkness and in solitude,
Exposed to every foe
Of earth around and hell below;
But over earth to reign!

II.

Is the Bridegroom absent still?
Watch, O blood-bought Church of God;
Severed from an evil world,
Walk thou in the heavenly road.
Keep thy garments undefiled,
Of the flesh abhor each spot,
Cast behind thee all of self,
Be time's vanity forgot.
Let the cry be heard, "How long,"
Lord, how long shall evil reign?
When shall sin be swept away,
And this earth be clean again?
Lord, how long shall error spread,
Truth be trodden in the dust,
Hatred flow from tongue and pen,
Hatred of the good and just!
Hatred of the Christ of God,
Of His true and holy word!
Mockery of His holy crown,
Scorn of His uplifted sword?
This the burden of thy cry,
When shall end the age of wrong,
Error, pain, misrule, and lust,
Righteous King and Lord, how long?

—BONAR.

The best way to read the Bible is to read it as you do other books, not a few verses or chapters at a time, *but whole books*, most of which are short enough for a single reading. Then you get the connection and spirit of the book.

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Missionaries	38
Members	2910
Additions during the year	324
Baptisms	292
Sunday-School Scholars	2988
Alms	\$ 525
Amount Given to Local Expenses	8,238
Value of Church Property, about	125,000
Debt on it, about	30,000

REMARKS.

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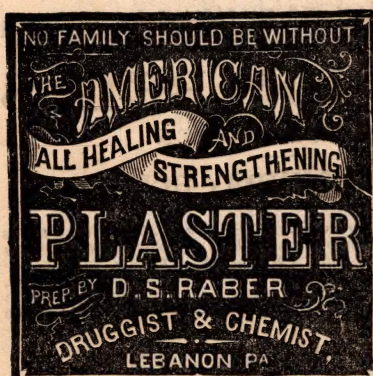
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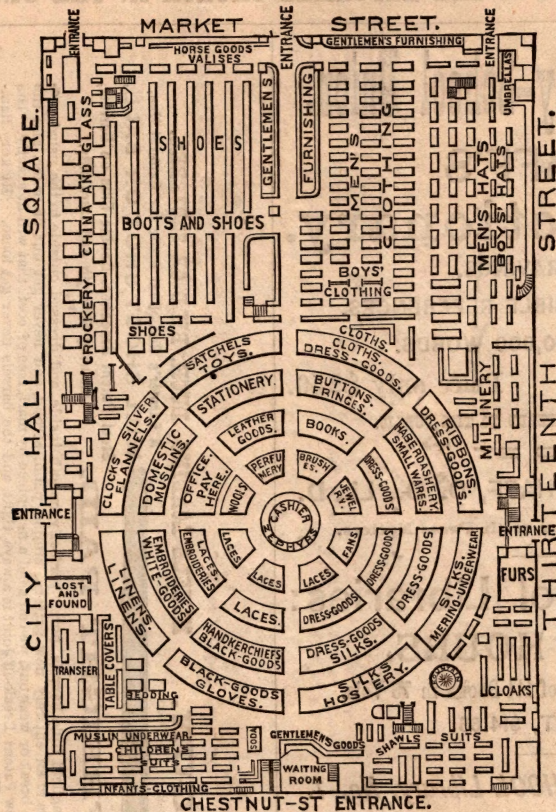
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